

SUPPORT FOR THE AMENDMENT

No new matter would be added to this application by entry of this amendment.

Upon entry of this amendment, Claims 4-12 will now be active in this application.

REMARKS

The present invention is a Divisional Application of co-pending application 10/091,318 filed on March 6, 2002, directed to a water-soluble chitin, an extracellular matrix comprising same, an insect cell culture vessel comprising same, and a process for preparing an insect culture cell line using same. The presently claimed subject matter was subjected to a restriction requirement in co-pending application 10/091,318 filed on March 6, 2002, which is directed to an insect cell primary culture medium.

The examiner is hereby apprised of co-pending application 10/091,318. Applicants are presently not aware of whether any references were cite during the prosecution of co-pending application 10/091,318. However the examiner is invited to consider the patentability of the present invention, in consideration of any rejections and/or references cited during the prosecution of co-pending application 10/091,318 filed on March 6, 2002.

Applicants submit that this application is now in condition for examination on the merits and early notification of such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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